

Page 4

AUG-10-2000 THU 12:51 PM NUTTER MCCLENNEN FISH

FAX NO. 617 310 9000

P. 04

EXPRESS MAILING LABEL NO.: EL327514461US

Attorney Docket No.: 102689-45/00-U0076

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post-office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Processing Network Management Data In Accordance With Metadata Files

the specification of which

(check one)

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on

as Application No.:

and was amended on:
(if applicable).

In the event that the filing date and/or Application No. are not entered above at the time I execute this document, and if such information is deemed necessary, I hereby authorize and request my attorneys/agent(s) at Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP, One International Place, Boston, MA 02110-2699, to insert above the filing date and/or Application No. of said application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

[illegible]

FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

(check one)

- ☒ no such foreign applications have been filed.
- ☐ such foreign applications have been filed as follows:

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

| Country | Application Number | Date of Filing (month, day, year) | Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119 |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | | ___ Yes No ___ |
| | | | ___ Yes No ___ |
| | | | ___ Yes No ___ |
| | | | ___ Yes No ___ |
| | | | ___ Yes No ___ |

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

| |
|--|
| |
| |
| |
| |

001180.0082E960

AUG-10-2000 THU 12:51 PM NUTTER MCCLENNEN FISH

FAX NO. 617 310 9000

P. 06

CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(e), of any United States provisional patent application(s) listed below:

(check one)

- ☒ no such U.S. provisional applications have been filed.
- ☐ such U.S. provisional applications have been filed as follows:

| Application Number | Date of Filing (month, day, year) | Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119(e) |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| | | ___ Yes No ___ |
| | | ___ Yes No ___ |
| | | ___ Yes No ___ |

CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120, of the United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United State Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(check one)

- ☐ no such U.S./PCT applications have been filed.
- ☒ such U.S./PCT applications have been filed as follows:

| Application Number | Date of Filing (month, day, year) | Status (Patented/Pending/Abandoned) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Integrating Operations Support Services With Network Management Systems | August 7, 2000 | Pending |
| | | |
| | | |

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these

AUG-10-2000 THU 12:51 PM NUTTER MCCLENNEN FISH

FAX NO. 617 310 9000

P. 07

statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint:

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Ronald E. Cahill | Reg. No. 38,403 | William C. Geary III | Reg. No. 31,359 |
| Carl M. DeFranco, Jr. | Reg. No. 32,675 | Lisa J. Michaud | Reg. No. 44,238 |
| Maria M. Eliseeva | Reg. No. 43,328 | Reza Mollaaghababa | Reg. No. 43,810 |
| Thomas J. Engellenner | Reg. No. 28,711 | David J. Powsner | Reg. No. 31,868 |
| Michael I. Falkoff | Reg. No. 30,833 | Richard J. Roos | Reg. No. 45,053 |
| | | Scott D. Rothenberger | Reg. No. 41,277 |

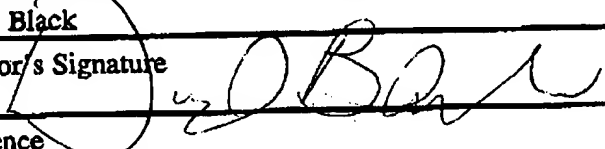
all of Nutter McClennen & Fish, LLP, One International Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2699, jointly, and each of them severally, my attorneys at law/patent agent(s), with full power of substitution, delegation and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please mail correspondence to: Reza Mollaaghababa
at Customer Number 021125, whose address is:

Nutter McClennen & Fish, LLP
One International Place
Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2699

Please direct telephone calls to: Reza Mollaaghababa
at (617)439-2514.

Please direct facsimiles to: (617)310-9514

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Full name of sole or first joint inventor Darryl Black | |
| Inventor's Signature  | Date 8-10-00 |
| Residence 14 Hills Farm Lane, Hollis, NH 03049 | |
| Country of Citizenship U.S. | |
| Post Office Address (required) same as above | |

AUG-10-2000 THU 12:52 PM NUTTER MCCLENNEN FISH

FAX NO. 617 310 9000

P. 08

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Full name of second/joint inventor Anne K. Winiewicz | |
| Inventor's Signature <i>Anne K. Winiewicz</i> | Date 8/10/00 |
| Residence 991 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington, MA 02420 | |
| Country of Citizenship U.S. | |
| Post Office Address (required) same as above | |

891410.1

007180:0082E960